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CHICAGO MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR HIS ROLE IN BIZARRE MURDER PLOT

CHICAGO — A Chicago man was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison Friday for his role in a bizarre plot involving murder, faked death and a switched body that was jointly investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Chicago Police Department.

U.S. District Judge Joan Gottschall sentenced Michael Kalady, 54, to 12 years in prison and five years of supervised release in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, for aiding and abetting the murder of William White to prevent information from being communicated to a judge.

Michael Kalady pleaded guilty in March for his role in the December 2001 murder of William White, a 47-year-old man, who was suffocated in an effort to fake the death of his brother Joseph Kalady. Joseph Kalady was facing federal prosecution for running a fraudulent immigration document scheme. Joseph attempted to fake his own death by killing White and passing the body off as his own. Michael Kalady helped plan and execute the criminal scheme and purposely misidentified White's body to Chicago Police and paramedics when they responded to a call that Joseph had died of natural causes.

Joseph Kalady was on electronic home monitoring, and expected to enter a guilty plea soon, when the government learned he had purportedly died of natural causes in his home on Dec. 2, 2001. The body was removed from the home and taken to be cremated. When federal agents learned of Joseph Kalady's purported death they grew suspicious. They went to view the body at the Illinois Cremation Society, and realized the dead man bore little resemblance to Joseph Kalady. The body of William White weighed about 175 pounds, while Joseph Kalady weighed about 450 pounds.

After faking his death, Joseph Kalady had fled to Boston and was captured and charged with killing William White. Kalady died in prison in 2003 before he could be tried for murder.

“Michael Kalady plotted to help kill an innocent man in an effort to help his brother avoid criminal prosecution,” said Elissa A. Brown, special agent-in-charge of ICE’s Chicago office. “Justice has been served in this case.”

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.